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PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EAST AFRICA

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¶1. Following a July 9 meeting on another subject, A/DCM delivered points contained reftel to Salah Al-Mutairi, Counselor in MFA's Arab World Department, noting the urgent need for generous humanitarian assistance to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya. Al-Mutairi, who had just returned from a South African posting, acknowledged the importance of international support to confront the humanitarian crisis and accompanying instability in the Horn of Africa, but could only offer to study our demarche points at this time. Noting that his department covers Somalia, but not Ethiopia or Kenya, Al-Mutairi agreed to review our points with colleagues who cover those areas and provide a further response soon.

¶2. Embassy will follow up with Al-Mutairi and colleagues from MFA's Asia and Africa Department.

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